cluding finished leather) by the Council for leather Exports for 1992–93.

Calcutta Port

*335. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Calcutta Port in deep Waters" appearing in the 'Financial Express', New Delhi dated 24th February, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the investment made in Calcutta Port so far;

(d) the measures taken or being taken to improve the infrastructure facilities at the Port for handling the growing cargo;

(e) whether any hydrographic surveys have been conducted at the Port to combat the menace of silting in the Hooghly;

(f) if so, the outcome thereof and, if not the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the Government propose to accept the French help to pull Calcutta Port out of deep waters;

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The newspaper report highlights the inadequate infrastructure facilities at the Calcutta Port. A total investment of Rs. 553.98 crores has been made in Calcutta Port from the First Five Year Plan till date. This includes an anticipated expenditure of Rs. 72 crores during the year 1992–92. The investment is for the development of infrastructure facilities and for acquisition of cargo handling equipments.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Dredging is carried out continuously to rectify deficiencies detected through the hydrographic survey.

(g) No such proposal has been received.

(h) Does not arise.

Jute Development Fund

*336. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The amount spent from the Jute Development Fund during each of the last three years; and

(b) The details fo the activities undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). The allocation and release made upto 31st December, 1991 in respect of various schemes under Special Jute Development Fund are as follows:–

S. No.	*Purpose*	*Allocation*	*Utilisation*
1.	Jute Agricultural Development Programme	Rs. 25 crores	Rs. 18.00 crores